## **REMARKS**

The present application is a U.S. National Phase of a PCT patent application. The specification and the abstract have been amended to comply with formal requirements for U.S. patent applications and to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 1-12 remain in the application.

It is believed that all of the claims are patentable over the prior art.

Accordingly, after the Examiner completes a thorough examination and finds the claims patentable, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course.

Should the Examiner determine any minor informalities that need to be addressed, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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